

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/660,522, filed September 12, 2000 (now abandoned), which is a continuation of Application No. 09/029,497 filed ~~June 9~~ February 26, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,248,722, issued June 19, 2001); which is a 371 National Stage Application of PCT/JP96/02359 filed August 22, 1996, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph 9 at page 3 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

In Fig. 2, the (line) graph shows cell growth rate in the presence or absence of HGF from the HVJ-liposome-cont-sensitized endothelial cells in Test Example 2, wherein "DSF" designates a group of endothelial cells sensitized with HVJ-liposome-cont and "HGF" designates a group of endothelial cells incubated in the presence of recombinant human HGF at a predetermined concentration. The bar in Fig. 2 shows the cell growth rate of the HVJ-liposome-DNA-sensitized endothelial cells in Test Example 2, wherein "DSF" designates a group of endothelial cells sensitized with HVJ-liposome-cont and "HGF vector" designates a group of endothelial cells sensitized with HVJ-liposome-DNA. (* : p < 0.05 vs. DSF; ** : p < 0.01 vs. DSF; # : p < 0.05 vs. human recombinant HGF, 100ng/ml.)